

REMARKS

Claims 1-5 have been cancelled. New independent claim 6 and dependent claims 7-8 have been added. It is respectfully submitted that these new claims are allowable over the references Gueret and Pre et al as applied in rejecting original now cancelled claims 1-5.

New independent claim 6 includes a definition of the compact which includes the following:

one of the elements at its end opposite said mating ends has a top surface with a first recess, the lever being connected to the other element and is manually snapped into clamping position to engage the first recess; and
the other one of the elements at its end opposite the mating ends has a side surface with a second recess, the lever being connected to the other element in the second recess and being moved into and out of engagement with the first recess.

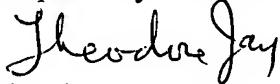
Neither one of these references discloses two elements with the first and second recesses connected as described. Consequently, Claim 6 is clearly allowable thereover and such allowance is respectfully requested.

Claims 7 and 8 being dependent directly or indirectly upon claim 6 are allowable for the same reasons.

Moreover, claim 7 defines an L shaped lever having first and second legs connected as claimed. Neither one of the cited references shows such lever and for this reason alone claim 7 is allowable.

For reasons set forth above. Allowance of claims 6-8 is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted



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